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CONFLAGRATION IN BALTIMORE

Large Area in Manufacturing Centre of City Prey to Flames

FANNED BY THE WIND

Loss Will Reach $600,000—People Flee From Homes—Explosions Terrify Locality

Baltimore, Md., March 18—South Baltimore's manufacturing center, covering an area of two blocks, was destroyed in a conflagration last night Hundreds of families fled from their homes and others were rescued by firemen and police.

The blaze began in the F. X. Ganter Company structure, where showcases and bar fixtures are manufactured. The building covers an entire square. A terrific northwest wind fanned the flames until they reached the Baltimore Cooperage Company's plant, the John H. Grimes Box Company and the Michael Daily Box Company. The blaze raged throughout the night presenting a spectacular sight which recalled unpleasant memories of 1904 when Baltimore's heart was swept out of existence.

A summary of damage estimates made by representatives of the damaged factories indicated that the loss would exceed $600,000.

Residents of South Baltimore, which is one of the most important shipping centers on the Atlantic seaboard were terrorized by minor explosions which resulted from chemical ignition in the plants. Great purple and blue flames followed these thunderous reports. One fireman was hurt.

At 1 a. m. the fire was still burning but under control.

SEVEN PERISH IN FIRE.

Half of Family in Keyser, W. Va., Wiped Out in Home

Keyser, W. Va., March 18.—Ellsworth E. Fout, a well-known farmer, and six of his children were burned to death when fire destroyed their home in Claysville, Mineral county, only a few miles from Keyser, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. Six other members of the household narrowly escaped.

The dead are: Mr. Fout, 48 years old; Mrs. William E. Shearer, 18 years old; Minnie Fount, 14 years old; Bella, aged 10 years; Maggie, 8; Thomas, 6; and Ollie Fout, 4 years old.

Those that escaped were Mrs. Fout and infant son Stewart, William E. Shearer and infant son, Elmer Fout and David Fout, a brother of Ellsworth E. Fout.

It is feared that Shearer and David Fout are internally injured and may not survive. Shearer was cut and bruised, while young Fout's hip was broken and his body cut and bruised. The survivors also suffered from exposure, as they were obliged to walk a quarter of a mile in the snow to the home of A. J. Pancake, Claysville, barefoot and clad only in night clothes.

Mrs. Fout was the first to be aroused, the flames then licking her bed. Her calls upstairs aroused her son-in-law, Shearer. He tried to get down the stairway, but the flames and smoke, which had reached every part of the house, drove him back He then tore out the windows, through which the survivors escaped.

The bodies were removed from under the burning timbers, but all were burned beyond recognition. Several of the children were found on what was left of a mattress, while the body of the father lay with the charred bodies of two children in his arms.

The fire started from a defective flue.

FOUND — A watch charm in the shape of an animal. Owner can obtain same by calling at Gazette office and paying cost of this advertisement.

LOSES SUIT AGAINST CAR CO.

Right of Conductor to Make Arrests Is Upheld by Supreme Court.

Richmond, March 18.—Passing for the first time in the history of the country on the precise point involved the State Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday handed down an opinion in which it reverses the decision of the Law and Equity Court of Richmond, in awarding damages to D. C. O'Flaherty, a local attorney in an action brought by him against the Virginia Railway and Power Company for alleged false arrest.

Mr. O'Flaherty boarded a Broad and Main car in the downtown section for a trip to the West End. Although the car was of the prepayment type, he failed to drop his ticket into the fare box, as the rules of the company required. When the conductor approached him inside and requested him to drop the ticket into the fare box, Mr. O'Flaherty declined to do so, tendering him the fare instead.

Forbidden by the company on the pain of dismissal to accept the fare himself, the conductor offered Mr. O'Flaherty the alternative of depositing his fare or leaving the car. He declined to do either, and was placed under arrest by the conductor, who detained him on the car until it arrived at the Reservoir terminal, where the defendant was turned over to the city authorities and admitted to bail.

O'Flaherty brought suit for $15,000 for alleged false arrest, and was awarded damages in the sum of $500 by Judge Crump, of the Law and Equity Court, who, while he held that the ticket regulation was a reasonable one, ruled that the conductor's only right was to eject the passenger and that he could not lawfully arrest him for his refusal to obey the rule or leave the car.

Judge Whittle, in his opinion, holds that the lower court erred in deciding that the conductor could not arrest under such conditions, and concludes:

"The construction placed by the trial court on the powers and duties of conductors and motormen under the statute is too restricted. When the plaintiff, in disregard of a lawful rule of the company of which he had knowledge, on request, refused either to deposit his fare in the box or leave the car, the relation of carrier and passenger between the company and him ceased, an he became an intruder or trespasser on the car. In other words, his presence on the car was unlawful. And the conductor, as a conductor and conservator of the peace and special policeman charged with the enforcement of order on the car without fault on his part, was confronted with the alternative, either of arresting plaintiff and turning him over to the city authorities, or forcibly ejecting him from the car.

PATHETIC INCIDENT

Officer Learns Over Telephone of Fatal Wounding of His Son.

Paris, March 18.—A most pathetic incident of the battle of Verdun has just been reported. It begins with the following telephone conversation:

"Hello! Is that the farm? Who is speaking?"

"This is the post commander talking."

"How many men have you there?"

"Fifteen."

"Leave your senior sergeant in charge of the redoubt. Take eight men and cut off a strong German patrol which has just entered the wood, but look out for a cross fire. Report to me immediately on your return."

This conversation occurred at midnight. An hour later the German patrol had been annihilated and the picket returned, carrying a lieutenant mortally wounded. The post commander sprang to the telephone.

"Hello. The coup succeeded, but Lieut.——T is dying. Can you send a doctor?"

An exclamation of grief came from the other end of the line. There was a pause, then an impassive voice was heard saying.

"Never mind the doctor. Run immediately to the dugouts The Germans are about to attack. I am sending you three platoons of re-enforcements."

A pause ensued and then the same voice resumed in broken tones:

"Hello! Are you still there? Kiss Lieut. —— for me. He is my son. Good-bye."

DU PONT COMPANY ANNOUNCES PLAN

Will Erect Dynamite Factory on Tract Near Williamsburg

WILL LAY SPUR TRACK

Powder Company Asks Chesapeake and Ohio Co. to Have Line Ready Within Thirty Days

Wilmington, Del., March 18.—Announcement was made yesterday of the acquisition by the Du Pont Powder Company of a site for a new dynamite plant of moderate capacity on the York river near Yorktown, Va., This site comprises about 3,000 acres a few miles northwest of Yorktown.

The new plant, it is said, will be in no sense another Hopewell, as it will not have to do with the hurry-up work of munitions making.

Williamsburg, Va., March 18. — Several weeks ago Daniel Cauffield, who is said to be purchasing agent for the Du Pont Powder Company, bought 4,500 acres of land on the York River near Yorktown, and not far from Williamsburg. Since that time real estate values have advanced six hundred per cent, speculators believe that another Hopewell was to be established in this vicinity.

Williamsburg, which claims the distinction of being the oldest city of the United States and the first capital of Virginia, is the nearest town to the site of the proposed new plant on any railroad, being situated on the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway. For that reason development is expected in this vicinity rather than at Yorktown, which has no railroad connection.

The site purchased by Mr. Cauffield fronts on the river and is cut off from the surrounding territory by a series of small creeks. It is said to have been selected by reason of its secluded location.

Work of construction is expected to begin in the near future and the plant probably will be ready before the end of the year. As the first step, fifty watchmen are reported to have been ordered from Hopewell to guard the place while constructin work is in progress.

Since Mr Cauffield made the purchase, speculators have purchased practically all of the land anywhere near the plant, while outlying fields here have brought unprecedented prices. The old Colonial Inn here was recently sold at a small fortune and other plots in Williamsburg have brought fabulous prices.

Corporations from Richmond and other cities have been seeking street railway, light and water franchises, and other improvements are being discussed. Now that the fact that the Du Pont Powder company is to build the plant is definitely established these improvements soon will be pushed to completion, it is believed, and Virginia's colonial capital will have its first street railway system.

Town officials already have made the necessary arrangements for increasing the Williamsburg police

The prosperity attendant upon the rumors of a new munitions plant has not been confined to Williamsburg alone. Newport News has felt its effect.

STRUCK BY SWITCH ENGINE.

Spencer, N. C., March 18.—J. W. Howell, aged 45 years, section master for the Southern Railway, at Spencer was struck by a switch engine and instantly killed while walking in the yard here Friday night. He had just quit work for the day and fas walking along the track and did not see or hear the approaching locomotive. His head, legs and body were crushed. He is survived by his wife and several small children.

Oysters In All Styles At The Rammel Cafe.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILLS FOOT OF KING STREET.

NORFOLK OYSTERS A SPECIALTY

LOCAL BREVITIES

H. J. Warthen, master mechanic at the Potomac Railway yards for the past seven years has been appointed superintendent of motive power of the Washington Southern Railway Co. with headquarters in Richmond.

The pulpit of the Free Methodist Church, during the absence of the pastor, will be occupied morning and evening by the Rev. Mr. Belt, of Washington.

The circuit court of Fairfax county will convene on next Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding.

Newton W. Preston, private secretary of Representative D. V. Stephens, of Nebraska, will deliver an address before a men's meeting at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Richmond Theatre.

Mrs. Charles H. Ryland of Richmond, widow of a former beloved pastor of the First Baptist Church, of this city and her son, Dr. Garnett Ryland, professor of chemistry in Richmond College, are spending the week-end with friends at 603 Queen street.

H. C. Carson, brought to theGazette office today two Tangier oysters each eight inches long and four inches ocross.

POISONED CANDY SENT HER

Suspicion Caused By Misdirection Saves California Woman

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17—Poison enough to kill a dozen persons was found in a box of candy sent by mail to Mrs. S. D. Hoover on January 16, according to the City Chemist report filed with Thomas L. Woolwine, District Attorney, who ordered the candy investigated immediately.

None of the contents of the box was eaten by the nine members of the household of Mrs. T. J. Royed, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hoover, because suspicion was aroused when it was found to have been mailed to an old address. Mrs. Hoover came here from Mansfield, Ohio, after separation from her husband.

LOSES MUSTACHE IN FLAMES

Man Spits Oil Into Stove and Blaze Envelops His Face.

Chestertown, Md, March 18.—A singular accident happened to the father of ex-Sheriff McKee, who was on a visit to his son, Charles McKee Chester Bridge, Queen Anne's county. He had been suffering with a cold for several days and finally decided to try coal oil as a remedy.

He took a mouthful of oil and when it caused his gums to smart he went to the stove and emptied his mouth. Flames shot into his face burning off his mustache and igniting his clothing, Going to his relief his daughter also received slight burns on her hands.

CAR BEHEADS BOY

Invalid Woman Runs to Street in Nightgown and Crawls Beneath Wheels

Philadelphia, March 17—Hearing the cries of her six-year-old son an instant before he was decapitated by a street car near his home last night, Mrs. Mary Blasberg an invalid, who had been taken fro a hospital only a few hours before, rushed from her bedroom in her night clothes and staggered through the crowd on the street to the side of her dead son under the wheels. The frantic woman threw herself on the body and collapsed. By a coincidence, the father of the boy was just returning from work at the time and reached the spot an instant later. He also crawled under the car to the side of the little body and with difficulty was induced to permit friends to extricate the mangled form from under the wheels.

Little Manuel Blasberg was playing with his sister, brothers and a number of companions in front of a north bound trolley. While in the middle of the track the boy fell and was run down by the car. The child's shrieks were carried to the sick bed of his mother.

With considerable difficulty neighbors tore the mother and father from the body and carried them to their home.

GERMANS SHOW WEAKENING

French Initiative May Be Taken if Crown Prince Desists

ATTACKS LESSENING

Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Teutons Fall—Fields Covered With Corpses of Invaders

London, March 18—Marked slackening in the volence of the German assaults around Verdun has convinced some French military critics that the Crown Prince is about to abandon the offensive.

This conviction was expressed for the first time in several dispaches from Paris today. Coupled with it was the hint that final defeat for the Germans at Verdun will be followed shortly by a great French offensive.

All Paris dispatches reported that the Germans are showing less spirit in attack than in the early days of the Verdun offensive. Some of the assaults are being made with little artillery preparation. The Germans, Paris reports, are not standing ground under French counter-attacks as in the first days of the struggle around Douaumont and Vaux.

Only intermittent bombardments took place yesterday in the region about Verdun, according to the French official communication. No infantry attacks have occurred.

The Belgian communication says: "The usual reciprocal bombardments have been in progress."

Important infantry assaults on the French lines east of Verdun were made by the Germans during last night. Five successive onslaughts in force were repulsed by the French. The Germans did not resume their activity against the French positions at Mort Homme. Artillery exchanges in the Woevre district continued, but otherwise there was nothing of importance to report.

Paris, March 18—The German losses in the desperate enterprise against Verdun, positive fruits of which are only to be found on paper, must now be more than 250,000. The sort of thing that has been going on for days is neither magnificent nor war. It is just scientific slaughter, and serves only to display the courageous tenacity of both defenders and attackers.

TURKEY MUST SUE FOR PEACE

Italy's Agent At Constantinople Believes Step Will Be Taken With Month

Rome, March 18—A dragoman who was left at the Italian Embassy at Constantinople to look after the archives has now come to Rome and has informed the Foreign office in person that he is convinced Turkey will solicit a separate peace from the Allies within a month.

He reports that Turkey is powerless to continue the war on account of the lack of foodstuffs, which the Austrians and Germans positively can not provide. On account of this shortage the army has already been put on short rations, while the inhabtants of the country at large are starving.

FOREIGNERS IN GERMANY.

Those There for Five Years to Be Enrolled in Army.

London, March 18.—An Amsterdam dispatch says the municipal authorities in Germany have been instructed to take a census of all neutral foreigners who have lived in each city for more than five years. Male foreigners who have lived uninterruptedly for five years in Germany will be consicered as having lost their previous citizenship and will be regarded as Germans, and, therefore, liable to military service.

These men will be enrolled in the army, but will not be sent to the front. They will be put to work in offices, so as to release men of the Landsturm, who will thus be able to take their places in the fighting line. It is said that there are about 30,000 foreigners of fighting age in Germany

VON TIRPITZ'S RETIREMENT

Said to Have Opposed Coming Out of German Fleet

Paris, March 18—The retirement of Admiral von Tirpitz is considered in French official circles, according to the Paris newspapers, to be due to the fact that he has opposed the coming out of the German fleet, while Emperor William desires to see it engage the British naval forces.

The conclusion is drawn that a change may be looked for in the German naval policy, and that the recent appearance of German warships in the North Sea is a sign that preparations are being made for an early action by the high sea fleet.

Berlin, March 18—Germans officially repeat the statement that submarine warfare will go on in the limits set by the German memorandum to neutral powers of last month, but that the demand of those who wished to see the indiscriminate torpedoing of "whatever comes in front of the torpedo turbes"—to use the expression of one of those who advocate this policy—will not be fulfilled.

This is also the deduction which those acquainted with the situation declare can be drawn from the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz, which was foreshadowed a few days ago by the reports of his illness.

The conclusion is said to be strengthened by the fact that Admiral von Capelle has been chosen as the new minister.

Berlin, March 18—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, whose regard for neutral rights caused the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz has received a vote of confidence from the Bavarian ministry.

The chancellor, it is generally understood, has a large majority in the reichstag. This majority will express itself in emphatic terms during the coming week if the opposition to Bethmann- Hollweg asserts itself.

It is said that the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz resulted from his disagreement with Chancellor von Bethmann- Hollweg over the controversies with America. The chancellor favors a vigorous submarine policy, but he disagreed with Von Tirptiz over the desirability of disregarding the rights of neutrals.

Bethmann-Hollweg, according to Munich dispatches, outlined his policy to the Bavarian ministry on Wednesday. He declared at the same time that Germanyl must hold out for a victorious peace.

This speech, it is believed here, fore-shadows the remarks he will make in his coming address before the reichstag, a speech that is looked forward to with the greatest interest.

TRUE TO HER PACT

Virginia Woman One of Seven Who Agreed Not to Marry or Leave Home.

Lynchburg, Va., March. 18.—The death on Wednesday at her home, near Bedford Springs, which removed Miss Catherine Creasey, took another member of a Campbell county family which has been noted for its longevity, as well as a principal to an unusual compact between brothers and sisters made years ago at the death of their parents, when it was agreed by seven children that none of them should ever leave home or be married. Since the compact was made one brother asked to be released from its terms, and he afterwards married, but it was kept until death by four others, while there are still two, a brother and an elder sister, who still live at home and keep the agreement inviolate. The surviving sister is several years the senior of the remainder, while the brother still living at home is six or eight years her junior.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Creasey, who were well known in Camepbell county in their day, there were born nine children. Two of these yielded their lives for the Southern Confederacy on the battle field, and some time after the close of the war the parents died. At this time there were seven children living, and these all agreed to remain at home in order to keep the old home intact. The survivors now are Miss Fannie Creasey and Alexander Creasey, who still live upon the old farm at Burton's Creek not far away.

The burial of Miss Creasey took place at the home, the interment being at the graveyard at home in which her ancestors are buried.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel Cafe.

AMERICAN DRIVE INTO MEXICO

Railroads of Country May Be Used to Expedite Expedition

TOTAL FORCE IS 10,000

Quiet Reported Along Most of Border—No Information of Operations for Publication

Washington, March 18—To expedite the American drive into Mexico to capture Villa, General Funston today asked that Carranza's permission be sought for use of Mexican railroads in transporting supplies to the advancing columns.

Secretary of War Baker communicated this request to the State Department and asked that it be transmitted to Carranza through diplomatic channels.

Request for permission to use Mexican railroads is taken to forecast a new troop movement into Mexico. It is believed Funston plans to send troops by train out of El Paso to cut Villa's retreat to the eastward and to aid Pershing and Dodd's columns in hemming in the bandit.

Permission of Carranza was necessary because the Mexican railroads are government owned.

Border reports tell of fresh troops pouring across the line. It is probable that the total strength of the expedition will total 10,000.

The flying squadron of cavalry pushing on ahead of Pershing's main force is said to be nearly a hundred miles beyond the border.

Secretary Baker this morning issued the following statement regarding Mexican conditions.

"The reports received directly through military channels and those sent to this department for other departments of the Government indicate quiet along the entire border, except for some excitement at Tampico, which is apparently temporary and without cause. There are no reports of the operations of the expedition available for publication."

Secretary Baker said that all reports indicate the Carranza troops are co-operating with Funston's forces.

Mr. Baker will leave at 3 o'clock this afternoon to spend Sunday at his home in Cleveland. He will return Tuesday.

Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, will be acting secretary during his absence.

BROKERS OPTIMISTIC

Failure of Germans at Verdun Believed to Portend Early Peace

London, March 18—Inquiries are being received at Lloyds for insurance to pay total loss in case of peace being declared during the present year. The inquiries are large firms who hold war contracts and who have to give orders for material some time ahead and at war prices. As a result premiums are inclined to show an upward tendency.

One underwriter said that for an insurance to pay total loss in the event of peace being declared by the end of June he would quote a rate of 20 guineas per cent while for a similar policy extending to the end of the year the rate would be 70 per cent.

Some brokers quote as high as 90 per cent for a policy insuring against the war ending by the end of December. These rates are intended to be prohibitive and no transactions were effected.

The rates also are an indication that the underwriters believe the war will not continue beyond the end of the present year.

Their optimism is based on the failure of the Germans to pierce the French lines at Verdun, rumors that Germany is putting out feelers in the direction of peace and that Turkey has made proposals for a separate peace.

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ODD FELLOWS' BANQUET

Members of Potomac Lodge Celebrate Seventy-Seventh Anniversary Last Night

The grand masters of Odd Fellows of two juriadictions, J. W. Hope, of the District of Columbia, and O. V. Hanger, of Virginia, with a number of past grand masters and subordinate grand lodge officers were the guests of Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows at a banquet given last night in commemoration of the seventy-seventh anniversary of the founding of the lodge.

The guests of the lodge assembled in the lodge room previous to the banquet and the first degree of the order was conferred in an impressive manner by a degree team under the direction of Capt. W. L. Martin.

At the banquet which was attended by 150 members of the lodge and their guests, Samuel W. Pitts, presided as toast master. Speeches were made by the Rev. John L. Allison D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church; O. V. Hanger, grand master of Virginia; J. W. Hope grand master of the District of Columbia; Ralph E. Rapp, grand secretary of the District of Columbia; W. W. Milan, grand representative of the District of Columbia and D. R. Stansbury, past grand master of Virginia.

A feature of the banquet was that the viands were prepared and served by the men of the committee and they were declared to be very delicious by those who were present. The menu consisted of slaw, celery, fried oysters cold tongue, cold ham, chicken salad potato salad, fruit, cakes, ice cream cheese, coffee, cigars and cigarrettes.

The committee in charge was composed of W. Leon Clark, chairman; T. R. Spicer, secretary; C. E. Remington, A. J. Butcher, J. W. McMenamin, H. C. Clark, T. U. Rowley C. C. Batchelder, I. S. Groves, G. W. Bontz, O. H. Hullings, R. E. Remington, E. R. Clark, G. C. Trenary, Ray Gaines and N. A. Davis.

TRUSTEE ELECTED

Carroll Pierce Will Continue in Charge of E. S. Leadbeater and Sons' Affairs

Carroll Pierce, vice-president of the Citizens National Bank, was yesterday elected trustee of the firm of E. S. Leadbeater and Sons, wholesale druggists. Since the firm was placed in bankruptcy six weeks ago Mr. Pierce has served as temporary receiver. Mr. Pierce was authorized to continue the business.

MRS. HANTZMON'S DEATH

News was received here today of the death in Charlottesville at 6 a. m. this morning of Mrs. Harry Hantzmon whose husband was formerly superintendent of gas in this city. Mrs. Hantzmon has three sisters residing in Alexandria, Mrs. Jas. R. Pickens, Mrs. Charles Pickens and Mrs. Robert Elliott. She was a Miss Thomas of Leesburg, W. Va., Her funeral will take place in Charlottesville Monday morning.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

Suggested That All Englishmen Be Subjected to Draft

London, March 18—The Times publishes the following.

The government appears to have landed themselves in amazing difficulties with regard to the calling up of married groups for service in the army. The married men who had attested are under the firm conviction that they attested on conditions that the single men would be called to the colors before the married men.

There is only one way out of the present impasse; that is, to enforce compulsory service as a whole. In other words all able-bodied men must be called upon to defend the country. This would be fair to all alike.

The military service act will require alteration, which should be immediately, if we are not to be landed in a bewildering state of chaos.

Speeches on the part of the government have not cleared up the matter in anyway whatever.

They really amount to a request to married men who have attested that they should patriotically adhere to their obligations. But nothing whatever has been said about married men who have not attested Hence the agitation which is becoming more pronounced and which the government has done nothing, whatever to meet.

Eat Oysters at Rammel's Hotel.

THEIR INITIAL VOYAGE

Young Washingtonians Have Thrilling Experience in Newly-Purchased Sloop

Three young Washingtonians who attempted to make a trip from Alexandria to Washington yesterday morning in the little sloop "Willie," which they purchased from a colored man named Robert Bradshaw for $100, were marooned for ten hours yesterday without food or shelter from the biting cold on their boat which went ashore on the shoals a short distance south of Shepperd's wharf, on the District side of the Potomac.

Late yesterday afternoon C. W. Wattles, agent for the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co., while scanning the river with his binoculars, saw white distress signal flying from the forward mast of the boat and at once set about the rescue of the young adventurers.

Despite the cold and the rough waters, whipped into whitecaps by a strong northwest wind, Charles Schafer, a riverman, went to their assistance in a rowboat and rescued the boys, who were covered with icicles.

They stated that their boat had sprung a leak shortly after leaving Alexandria and sank in the shallow water. Their cries for assistance were not heard by the passing vessels. After having been "thawed out" the boys returned to Washington by electric cars.

AT THE CHURCHES

At the Second Presbyterian Church tomorrow the Rev. John Lee Allison, D. D., will have for his subject "Faith in Exercise". His evening subject will be evangelical.

At Trinity Church tomorrow the pastor the Rev. L. M. Ferguson, will preach in the morning on "The Lord's Way," and in the evening on "Faith Overcome Fear."

"Robbers" will be the morning subject of the Rev. E. T. Kirkley tomorrow morning. His evening subject will be "The Pursuing Enemy." At the Christian Endeavor Society meeting Stonewall Smith will be the leader.

The Rev. E. B. Jackson, the new pastor of the First Baptist Church arrived here with his family yesterday. He will preach his first sermon as pastor here tomorrow morning.

THE HEXAGON CLUB

The Hexagon club gave a St. Patricks Day party last night, at the home of its treasurer, Miss Margaret Fuller No. 913 King St. Dancing and many attractive games were indulged in during the evening. Those present were: Miss Annette Javins of Washington, Misses Margaret and Rosa Lee Fuller, Doris and Ruth Brün, Irene Dettor, Grace Martin, Edith Whitton, Emma Weingot, Dorothy Martin, Nellie Lovng, Messrs Howard Arnold, Tho. Rowen, Jr., Alvin Friedlander, Walter Martin, Ernest Weingot, Francis, Nugent, Harry Coleman, Hugh Williams, Robert Gulland, Elmer and Ervin Ketland.

REV. DR. HUNT HERE.

The Rev. Dr. George L. Hunt, formerly of this city, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Frederick P. Russell, in the Fairfax apartments. Dr. Hunt is en route to his home at Brodhead Wis., from Athol, Mass., where he attended the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Union Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, which he founded and of which he was the first high priest. At a banquet given by the chapter on March 13, Dr. Hunt delivered the principal address, and was presented a handsome high priest jewel.

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM

Choir of Christ Church Will Celebrate Close of Second Year

The choir of Christ Episcopal Church, under the direction of James E. Bagley, of Washington, will celebrate the close of its second year of organization tomorrow night with a special musical program, the feature of which will be Gounod's beautiful motet, "Gallia," with Mrs. Geo. E. Pickett singing the soprano solo parts, and Mrs. Charles T. Lennon at the organ.

Christ Church choir has rehearsed and sung [illegible] a total of 80 selections, and now has a library of standard music that will compare favorably with many metropolitan choirs.

WILL BECOME A BARGE

Former Potomac Steamer Capital City Purchased By a Baltimore Company.

Transfers of vessel property at the Baltimore Custom House for the week ended yesterday illustrates the deterioration of a well-known side-wheel steamer of the Potomac, which by her last transfer will become a barge. The steamer in question is the Capital City, transferred from Joseph Brenner to the Boston Iron and Metal Company, of Baltimore, and subsequentiy transferred to John T. Donohue, president of the Northern Transportation Company, of this port.

As the John W. Thompson, the steamer was built at Camden, N. J., in 1875. After running on the Potomac for several years, she was purchased by the late E. S. Randall and was continued on the river route under the name of the Harry Randall. Later her name was changed to the Capital City. The vessel has an iron hull, 170 feet long, 29 feet beam and 8 feet molded depth. She registers 496 tons gross and 418 net.

It was said that the steamer's hull was constructed for a double-end ferry steamer, but subsequently it was determined to make a boat of another class of her. She was brought to the Potomac in the fall of 1875 in command of Capt. John Wood, and belonged to the Inland and Seaboard Navigation Company, the line which operated the steamers E. C. Knight and John Gibson, then running between this port and New York, and the Lady of the Lake, which was on the Norfolk route. She last ran on the Potomac as one of the fleet of the Potomac and Chesapeake Company. Having outlived her day of usefulness, the boat, then known as the Capital City, was dismantled and for a time lay at the dock of the Mutual Ice Company, foot of Cameron street She was later towed to Washington.

CAREER OF THE MOEWE

"These Are The Ways of The German Fleet" Said Count Dohna

Berlin, March 18—Count Dohna, commander of the commerce raider Moewe, which recently returned safely to her home port at Wilhelmshaven after a most spectacular career, on the occasion of a visit to his castle at Malmitz, said in a speech before a company of his guests:

"I wish you could feel what I have experienced. It was perhaps the greatest experience a man could have. I have seen what Germans are capable of doing.

"You may imagine my feelings when one day I had before me eight British captains and told them 'These are the ways of the German fleet.'

"The captains were unable to answer. They had merely to bow to their fate.

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GERMAN PLEA FOR PEACE

But little power of penetration is needed by any one reading between the lines to see that the following is in reality a veiled plea on the part of Germany for peace. It is intended as a warning to England that should she emerge victorious in the present war she, too, will have become exhausted and virtually in as pitiable a plight as Germany. An attempt is also made to cause anxiety by prophecying that there will be a general exodus to the United States as soon as the sword shall have been returned to the scabbard. It is also suggested that America will be enriched amazingly in the end, while the belligerent countries will be empoverished, the United States taking advantage of their condition and adding to their distress by draining them of what little may be left. Far-seeing Germans know that the end is not far in the future, and that every day the war is continued will weaken the Fatherland. England, however, seems to be in the position of the small fish in the bubble which was has been pursued by the dolphin. While the chase was on a wave dashed both pursued and pursuer high and dry upon land. The smaller fish, while realizing its condition, saw that the dolphin was also floundering about in distress. The intended victim of the latter said "I die contentedly, knowing that my vicious enemy is doomed to meet my fate."

Hans Leus is voicing the opinion of many when he writes in Die Welt am Montag of Berlin:

"Since Bethmann-Hollweg in the Reichstag openly declared his peace sentiments, something of a rustle, still very gentle, is noticeable here and there. Apparently many in the hostile countries are possessed with the idea that peace in any case is but a question of time, and that some time or other peace must come. All sensible Europeans know of course, that the time for peace must come, and even that the limit of time set for this war cannot be so far off.

"Undoubtedly the impression in general is that a war of exhaustion will bring to the vanquished a terrible future, while, on the other hand, the conqueror will be raised to an exalted height. Virtually he will be, of course, inasmuch as he is the victor; but it does not signify by any means that the victor on his part will have escaped the exhaustion involved in such a victory. On the contrary, the more dreadful and complete the exhaustion of the vanquished the more will it be for the conqueror to a similar state. For the opposing forces are not so unevenly matched that it will be possible for the conqueror to attain this end without drawing upon his utmost means. Indeed, the more exhausted the vanquished is the less will be the pros-

pects for the conqueror to receive from the vanquished the reimbursement of this expenditures. Where nothing has left and where even the credit has been drawn on unto exhaustion nothing can be obtained. This applies not only to the war indemnity but just as much to the later economic relations with the exhausted loser. The more exhausted he is the less business can be done with him later on. This is a factor of paramount significance and becomes a vital question concerning especially the two foremost states of the belligerent groups, the two great industrial and commercial states, Germany and England.

"The real victor in a war of exhaustion would be the United States of America, which with their not only unexhausted but even mightily augmented capital would be in a position to impose a colossal tribute on Europe.

"The domestic flourishing of America and the exhaustion of Europe, where one is already speaking openly of the likelihood that every one will have to work for the state four or five months of the year, is the surest method of impelling a vehement emigration from Europe to the United States.

"If all people in Europe would only realize this condition of affairs one might hope that so much common sense would prevail that little by Germany's readiness for peace would become a factor of considerable value for our enemies."

FORCE THEM TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Some of our Virginia, cotemporaries are averse to the act recently passed in an incomplete form by the Legislature having for its object the enforced payment of head taxes by certain residents of the commonwealth who generally gloat over the fact that they do not contribute anything toward defraying the expenses of the Old Dominion. Those who oppose the measure take the exalted stand that such delinquents are undesirable citizens, lacking honor and patriotism, and their votes should not be sought. That may be one way of looking at it, but there is another angle. So far as the votes of such delinquents are concerned, that may be a matter left to them. If they refuse to vote, they should not be compelled to do so, but, as they enjoy all the protection afforded by the state, they should be compelled to pay their quota of expense. This is but fair to others who never default in this matter. One of our state exchanges contains the following, but we are inclined to believe the writer, while meaning well, is viewing the wrong side of the issue:

In the hurry and confusion that marked the closing days of the Legislature, it seems that a measure introduced by Senator Matthews, of Norfolk, the purpose of which was to enforce the payment of poll taxes in arrears for three or more years, failed to receive proper consideration, and in this incomplete form it passed both the Senate and House, but is now believed to be unconstitutional. We have no regrets at the fate of this ill-advised measure. If a man is to be required to pay his poll taxes after three years, he will never let them become delinquent, but will pay them year by year and thereby become, as it were, an enforced voter.

We hold that if a citizen thinks so little of his franchise, so little of his country, his State, his city or county, his ward or township, that he will not voluntarily pay his poll tax yearly for the privilege of exercising his franchise and preserving his manhood the State and the community gain by his failure to do so and can well afford to lose the paltry sum of $1.50 and thereby disqualify an indifferent voter, who is not worthy of the sacred right of franchise. He should not be made to qualify himself However, every such vote lost enlarges and enhances the power of the vote of the individual. who, as a matter of principal pays his head tax and exercises the right of honorable citizenship.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

(Communicated)

The ceremonies attending the presentation of medals by President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway, this city, mentioned of which has been made in public print, awarding medals to all the veteran employes whose service have covered a consecutive period of twenty-five years and over, was as unique in its character as it was democratic in spirit.

It was unique in character from the fact that it presents an anomaly and we cannot recall a precedent where the Chief Executive of a great corporation or trunk line has ever given such an ocular demonstration of true democracy as was exhibited upon this interesting occasion. It was truly democratic from the fact that this great captain of industry, bighearted and progressive, a man of affairs, whose mental and physical capacity is already overtaxed with the weightier matters and concerns of a great corporation and large private interests, in saucying the life [illegible] of 45,000 of his employ- [illegible] all the various [illegible] to make up the sum [illegible] operation, should [illegible] in its smallest min- [illegible] all of the necessary qualifications and equipment of the humblest of the employes to that extent as to have conceived in his mind and heart a suitable expression of his appreciation of their faithful service.

The occasion was one of more than usual interest from the fact that all of the employes present recognized the democratic spirit and true sentiment and spirit of appreciation manifested by President Harrison. The ease and grace and felicity which characterized his pose and utterances appealed to the finer and better feeling of our nature and the men were moved as never before by a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation, of his kindly recognition of their services.

That this public recognition of the services of the veterans of twenty-five years or more will have the effect of creating a better feeling among the men toward the Managment and will have a decided and marked effect in producing more loyalty among them, goes without saying as railroads need loyalty above ever other consideration. This truth was stressed and emphasized by President Harrison in his opening speech "Loyalty is really worth more to any industry on the part of its employes than efficiency, for efficiency without loyalty will not bring satisfactory results.

The distribution of these medals expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the head of this great corporation of the services of its employes touched a responsive chord in the hearts of every one present. The occasion will ever recur as a sweet reminiscence and one of the bright spots in our rough and rugged pilgrimage. The medal will be worn and treasured by each one of us, not from any consideration of its intrinsic value but because it is inlaid with the diamonds of love, sympathy and appreciation and studded with the true sentiments of true southern manhood.

We wish also to express our high appreciation of the interest manifested by our Superintendent, Mr. W. C. Hudson, and those asociated with him in his office. The friendly spirit shown us and interest in making every arangement possible to have all those entitled to the "Badge of Honor," present upon the occasion, the accomplishment of which required the utmost care and fore thought when we consider the multiplicity of details necessary to relieve such a large percent of the employees from the various branches without crippling the service, was an arduous task for which he receives the heartiest commendation.

In the last analysis, it means that railroads are less exacting, and more liberal toward their men, than ever before in their history, and if we correctly interpret the horoscope, their concessions and signal recognition given the men, augers the ushering in of an era of more loyalty, and faithful service by the employees and more prosperity and success for the railroads.

W. B. SMITHERS.

NEWS OF THE DAY

The industrial situation in Bulgaria is said to be getting critical. A military revolt, supported by the civilian population, is feared in some quarters. Dispatches from Athens say that King Ferdinand lives in daily fear of assassination.

Dr. Liebknecht, the German socialist leader, narrowly escaped being mobbed on account of a fierce speech which he made in the Prussian diet Thursday, according to the Cologne Gazett. Dr. Liebknecht bitterly attacked the government, keeping up his tirade until the uproar in the chamber compelled him to stop.

Four children were burned to death yesterday in Saginaw, Mich., and the mother, Mrs. Paul Smith, is in a hospital temporarily insane from grief. The mother left the children locked in her home when she went to buy food. When she returned the house was in flames. Firemen found the bodies huddled together under a bed.

A contract was closed yesterday in New York, with the Russian government for the construction of 250 submarines. The value of the order is believed to approximate $70,000,000. The submarines are to be built in Russian shipyards under patent license from the Electric Boat Company. the contract is said to call for 200 45-foot boats at $200,000 each, to be carried on the decks of battleships, and 50 larger submarines, each costing $600,000.

A great German offensive against the Russians is preparing and has already begun in the Dvinsk region. Gen. Kuropatkin and Gen. Radko Dmitrieff are on the northern front—the one Russia's great strategist, the other a marvelous leader in active operations. With these two generals in command great confidence is felt. It was announced at the Russian war office yesterday that German troops are again attacking the Russian troops northwest of Dvinsk.

Forty-four German ships are reported to have been seized by the Brazilian government. The German vessels were merchantmen which had been interned in Brazilian ports at the outbreak of the war. Fourteen of the seized ships were sheltering in the port of Rio de Janerio and twelve others were at Pernambuco. It is also pointed out that Berlin has persistently disregarded Brazil's efforts to obtain release of coffe seized by the Germans and valued at $7,000,000, the property of the Sao Paulo government.

Consternation was thrown into the Billy Sunday camp in Baltimore yesterday when it was learned that Lee R. Thompson, churchman, an usher at the tabernacle had been taken to police headquarters charged with stealing money from the collection pans. Thompson had been suspected, and detectives assert they saw him remove coins from the pans before turning the funds over to the committee. He was questioned for three hours, after which, it is said, he admitted his guilt. He was released, however, as the Sunday organization said they did not care to prosecute him. The total attendance at the tabernacle to date number 492,000 and the collections $20,025.09.

A message received yesterday at Shanghai, China, from Chengtu, capital of the province of Szechuen, dated February 27, says the people of that province are greatly opposed to President Yuan Shi Kai, and favor the revolutionists, who have taken up arms in Yunnan province.. A rebellion broke out in Kwanhsiensze. Large bands of robbers are infesting Szechuen. They have looted Kiangyu, Chungpa and Jungchang, and burned a suburb of Howchofsze.

At the session of the German general council at Munich yesterday, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made a verbal report to that body on the situation of Germany in the war. The chancellor said that the nation was inspired by a firm and unshaken determination to weather the storm of war until a victorious end shall be attained. All members of the committee concurred in the sentiment and expressed full confidence in the imperial government.

The 13,900 ton Royal Dutch Lloyd liner Tubantia, outward bound from Amsterdam for the River Plata with 87 passengers, three of whom were Americans, was sunk without warning off Nordlinger lightship on the Dutch coast Thursday morning. A dispatch from Amsterdam quotes the captain, H. K. H. Wytsma as saying his ship was torpedoed. Semioffe reports from Berlin claim that struck a mine. Advices indicate that all on board were saved.

VIRGINIA NEWS

James R. Ross, 30 years old, a civil engineer, was instantly killed yesterday at Pocahontas, when a trip of cars in the double-track section of the Baby Mine ran over him.

Dr. Bernard Wolff, 48, one of the South's leading specialists, is dead at Atlanta, Ga., following an operation performed Saturday. Dr. Wolff, was born in 1867 in Prince Edward county, Virginia, a member of an old family. His grandfather was the late Governor Preston McDowell, of Virginia, and other ancestors were prominent in the American Revolution.

Prospective investors in Williamsburg real estate, drawn by the proposed plant of the Du Pont Company on the York River, were on hand yesterday and hundreds attended the auction sale of lots by the Hill-Paul Realty Company. Richmond, Norfolk Petersburg, Newport News, and Hopewell were represented, and scores of the visitors purchased lots. The company, during the day, disposed of 200 lots, every one it had placed on sale. The tract thus disposed of is about three blocks east of the courthouse.

Plans and complete drawings for a $3,000,000 Union pasenger station in Richmond, extending with its offices and train sheds down the fifteenth Street valley from Broad to Cary streets, covering the present Main Street depot, were yesterday laid before the railway executvies, called to consider the union station matter. The plans provide for a station to be used by all the railroads entering Richmond and for an eight track [illegible] leading out through Shockoe Valley. It has been suggested that the eight tracks may be on a wide steel viaduct this to eliminate grade crossings.

A resolution inviting former President William Howard Taft to address the Richmond Chamber of Commerce at its regular monthly meeting in April, was on Thursday unanimously adopted by the board of directors. Mr. Taft will be requested to speak on the value of organization in business. The former president, who is now a lecturer on the school of law of Yale University, has always been much admired in this city, and members of the board last night were hopeful of his acceptance. He spoke in Richmond once during his candidacy for the presidency and was here twice after his election.

Apparently frightened at a runaway cow, Napoleon S. Hague fell dead Wednesday while attending a sale of live stock at the old Hatcher home in Powhatan county, near the courthouse. Mr. Hague was 71 years old, but was in good health. He was taking a lively interest in the sale. A cow broke from a pen where she was confined pending the sale and ran through the crowd. In her mad dash for liberty the animal passed close to Mr. Hague, who was seen to stagger and fall. Dr. Thomas S. Henning, state senator from Powhatan county, was talking with Mr. Hague when the latter fell. He stopped to assist his friend up and was shocked to find him dead. It is supposed that death was due to heart failure brought about by temporary fright at the runaway animal.

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GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL.

Approves Browning Efficiency Measure Looking to Retrenchment of State Expenses.

Richmond, March 18.—Governor Stuart on Thursday affixed his signature to the Browning-Drewry bill providing for the creation of a commission of economy charged with the duty of making a study of the State and local government and report to the next General Assembly its recommendations for such changes and retrenchments as will make for a higher efficiency and reduced expense.

The commission is to be composed of one Senator, two members of the House of Delegates, and two citizens appointed by the Governor. President Ellyson, of the Senate yesterday named Senator Drewry, of Petersburg, as the member from the upper house. Speaker Houston and the Governor have not yet made their appointments. One of the House members will be Delegate Browning, of Orange to whose initiative the law is due.

Seventy-eight bills received the signature of the Governor Thursday and became statute law. While most of them are local in their application, several of the measures are of State-wide significance. In this number is Senate Bill No. 76, providing for the appointment of a special joint committee to report to the next General Assembly on the advisability of establishing a State printing plant for the printing of all official and department reports and documents, and if feasible, for the publication of some of the textbooks used in the public schools.

The Senate and House of Delegates held brief constructive sessions Thursday. The presiding officers of the two houses signed fifty-six bills sent up from the enrolling room. Another constructive session—probably the final one — will be held this afternoon.

PARROT YELLS "FIRE"

Sounding the alarm by calling "Fire! Fire," a Mexican parrot, saved the home of Luther L. Schere in Richmond, from destruction by flames early yesterday. Responding to the calls of the bird, the Rev. J. J. Scherer, sr., 86 years old, rushed down into the basement, whence smoke was issuing. While down there the aged minister was overcome, and it was some time before he recovered himself after being rescued by the Rev. E. R. McCawly, a Lutheran minister from Norfolk, who was visiting in the home. The parrot, nearly suffocated, was rescued by a policeman after he smashed his way through a window with a brick

WAR HITS NORFOLK

Evidences of how the wa rin Europe has hit the city of Norfolk were given Thursday night when the finance committee of the City was faced with the necessity to appropriate additional funds to the city home and to the water department because of the increase in prices of commodities used during the year. The rapid rise in the price of drugs forced the city home superintendent to ask for an additional $400 and the equally rapid rise in the price of alum made it necessary for the water department to ask for nearly $3,000 more for his purpose. The war is said to have caused an ncrease of $30 daily in the expenses of conducting public affairs in Norfolk.

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Loans and discounts		$888,957.10
Overdrafts unsecured		619.99
U.S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	$100,000.00	
Total U.S. bonds		100,000.00
Bonds other than U.S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits	$ 12,000.00	
Bonds other than U.S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	$ 5,000.00	
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	$ 35,166.06	
Total bonds, securities, etc		52,166.06
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	$12,000	
less amount unpaid	$ 6,000.00	6,000.00
Banking house		50,000.00
Furniture and fixtures		2,856.97
Other real estate owned		7,829.19
Net amount due from Federal Reserve bank		26,913.71
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	$ 23,012.68	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	$ 82,576.36	105,589.04
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than above)		29 852.88
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		3,473.31
Outside checks and other cash items	$ 4,367.71	
fractional currency	$ 787.42	5,155.13
Notes of other National banks		900.00
Federal reserve notes		300.00
Lawful money reserve in bank:		
Total coin and certificates		32,687.50
Legal-tender ngtes		3,600.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer not more than 5 per cent on circulation		2,200.00
TOTAL		1,319,100.88

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		100,000.00
Surplus fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits	$ 70,515.03	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	$ 4,582.12	65,932.91
Circulating notes		98,500.00
Due to banks and bankers		16,666.84
Demand deposits:		
Individual deposits subject to check		503,228.37
Certified checks		557.66
Cashier's checks outstanding		3 226.82
United States deposits		7,678.17
Postal savings deposits		2,935.68
Total Demand deposits	$517,626.70	
Time deposits:		
Subject to 30 or more days notice		420,374.43
TOTAL		$1,319,100.88

State of Virginia, City of Alexandria, ss:

I, Richard M. Green, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 1916,
J. JOHNSTON GREEN, Notary Public.
My Commission expires Jan. 5. 1919.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
EDWARD L. DAINGERFIELD
WORTH HULFISH
M. A. AHERN
JNO. M. JOHNSON
CARROLL PIERCE
URBAN S. LAMBERT
Directors

NO. 7093

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

At Alexandria, Virginia, at the closeof business March 7, 1916

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts		$328,341.53
Unsecured Overdrafts		327.76
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation par value	$100,000.00	
U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	$ 1,000.00	
U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings (par value)	$ 5,000.00	106 000.00
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged		1,250.02
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank $6,300.00		
Less amount unpaid $3,150.00		3,150.00
Value banking house		45,973.86
Furniture and fixtures		5,900.00
Real estate owned other than banking house		4,110.00
Net amount due from Federal reserve bank		9 451.01
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	$ 9,330.72	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	$ 14,464.03	23,794.75
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than above)		5,917.97
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		2,595.32
Outside checks and other cash items	$ 1,415.47	
Fractional currency,nickels and cts.	$ 68.28	1,483.75
Notes of other national banks		780.00
Lawful money reserve in bank		
Total coin and certificates		21,982.75
Legal-tender notes		200.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulatio		1,800.00
TOTAL		583 958.72

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in		$100,000.00
Surplus fund		2,000.00
Undivided profits		1,262.61
Circulation notes outstanding		90,400.00
Due to banks and bankers		2,190.51
Dividends unpaid		289.00
Demand deposits:		
Individual deposits subject to check		199,588.07
Certified checks		182.83
Cashier's checks outstanding		585.08
United States deposits		1,000.00
Postal savings deposits		1,670.41
Total demand deposits	$203,026.39	
Time deposits: (Payable after 30 days, or subject to thirty days or more notice)		
Certificates of deposit		21,466.44
Other time deposits		142,44377
Total Time deposits	$163,910.21	
TOTAL		$563,058.72

State of Virginia. City of Alexandria, ss:

I, J. L. Perry, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J. L. PERRY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March 1916.
C. E. NICOL, Jr., Notary Public.
My Commission expires January 31, 1920.
CORRECT—ATTEST:

C. E. NICOL
W. B. SMOOT
W. E. BAIN
SAMUEL G. BRENT

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe. Oysters in All Styles At The Rammel Cafe.

NO. 631

Report of Condition of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, ALEXANDRIA, VA.
At the close of business March 7, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts		$1,210,630.18
Overdrafts, unsecured		598.66
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	$100,000.00	
U.S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	$ 2,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds		102,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure U.S. deposits	$ 13,000.00	
Bonds other than U.S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits	$ 5,000.00	
Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged	$ 43,395.00	
Total bonds securities etc		61,395.00
Stock, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock		150.00
Subscription to stock of Federal reserve bank	$15,000.00	
Less amount unpaid	$ 7,500.00	7,500.00
Banking house		64,500.00
Furniture and fixtures		8,500.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve bank		26,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St Louis	$ 24,651.65	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	$132 022.49	156,674.14
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than above)		28,967.15
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		3,555.93
Outside checks and other cash items	$ 1,217.83	
fractional currency nickels and cents	$ 302.14	1,519.97
Notes of other national banks		4,285.00
Federal Reserve notes		670.00
Lawful money reserve in bank.		
Total coin and certificates		36,732.40
Legal tender notes		5,695.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)		3,700.00
Customers' liability under letters of credit		999.60
TOTAL		$1,724,073.03

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	$100,000.00	
Surplus fund	$150,000.00	
Total capital and surplus		250,000.00
Undivided profits	$101,633.52	
Reserve for taxes	3 829.08	
Reserved for interest	4,478.82	$109,941.42
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	$ 9,399.37	100,542.05
Circulating notes outstanding		98,700.00
Net amount due to approved reserveagents in other reserve cities		581.13
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29		27,822.60
Demand deposits:		
Individual deposits subject to check		538,594.38
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days		1,227.88
Certified checks		6,501.93
Cashier's checks outstanding		371.63
United States deposits		10,016.66
Postal savings deposits		3,711.99
Total demand desposits	$560 424.47	
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):		
Certificates of deposit		4,000.00
Other time deposits		679,916.51
Total of time deposits	$683,916.51	
Letters of Credit		999.60
Liabilities other than those above stated		1,086.58
TOTAI		$1,724,073.03

State of Virginia City of Alexandria, ss:

I, Geo. E. Warfield, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE. E. WARFIELD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of March, 1916.
My commission expires May 4, 1918.
ARTHUR HERBERT., Jr. N. P.

CORRECT— ATTEST:
GARDNER L. BOOTHE
WALTER ROBERTS
DOUGLAS STUART
M. B. HARLOW
BENOIT BAER, JR.
JAS. F. MUIR

Directors

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P. M.—12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40, 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00; 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00; 6 40; 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00; 8 30; 9 00; 9 35; 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 58.

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Schedule in effect March 10, 1916

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

"Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Country Club at the Clubhouse, Jewell Station, Virginia, beginning at two o'clock, p. m. on Tuesday, May 2, 1916, to take action upon the following resolution adopted by the Board of Directors March 8, 1916, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Washington Country Club, Incorporated, be dissolved in the manner provided by law, and that the officers take the steps necessary to affect such dissolution. 16-law 4-

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

To the Stockholder Addressed:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Washington Storage Company Inc., will be held at the office of L. P. Harlow, Attorney, 119 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia on Wednesday, April 19, 1916 at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

If unable to be present kindly mail proxy to the Secretary.

Respectfully,
LOUIS P. KREY Secretary.
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